IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Gerbrand Deetman :

Examiner: Ogden, Jr., Necholus

Serial No.: 09/801,883 : Group Art Unit: 1751

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Filed: March 8, 2001 : Attorney Docket No.: 713629.354

For: STABILIZED PHOSPHATE :

ESTER-BASED FUNCTIONAL FLUID

COMPOSITIONS : Customer No.: 27128

Confirmation No.: 7184

Last Office Action: March 15, 2006

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2006, and within the fifth month for response thereto and upon payment of the appropriate extension fee, as noted in the accompanying Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the above-identified application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein. This Preliminary Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.